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In the absence of Mr. Mongbe (Benin), Mr. Arellano Resendiz (Mexico), Vice-Chairman, took the Chair

The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 91: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued)

(j) INTEGRATION OF THE ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION INTO THE WORLD ECONOMY (continued)

Draft resolution on integration of the countries with economies in transition from centrally planned to market economies into the world economy (A/C.2/48/L.6)

1. Mr. LUEDIG (Estonia) introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, who had been joined by Azerbaijan, Nicaragua and Slovakia. He hoped that the draft resolution would be adopted by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM 92: EXTERNAL DEBT CRISIS AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Draft resolution on enhanced international cooperation towards a durable solution to the external debt problems of all developing countries (A/C.2/48/L.5)

2. Mr. R. JARAMILLO (Colombia) introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsor who had been joined by the delegation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

3. The following paragraph had inadvertently been omitted and should be inserted after paragraph 8:

> "Stresses that concerted action to alleviate the debt burden of developing countries by developed countries is critical to growth in the developing world, which in turn is essential for the growth of the world economy;".

Similarly, in paragraph 14, the words "taking into account the situation of middle-income countries and in particular that of low-income countries" should be inserted after the words "developing countries".

4. The sponsors hoped that the draft resolution would be adopted by consensus.

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5. The CHAIRMAN noted that the General Assembly had decided at its 36th plenary meeting to include in its agenda an additional item (item 169) entitled "Economic assistance to States affected by the implementation of the Security Council resolutions imposing sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)" and to allocate that item to the Second Committee. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished

(The Chairman)

to consider that item to the cluster of other items dealing with assistance, namely, agenda items 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 98 and 41.

6. It was so decided.

7. The CHAIRMAN said that the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) was not yet available and that the Committee therefore would be unable to consider the item on 29 October as originally planned.

8. Mr. R. JARAMILLO (Colombia) expressed his delegation's deep concern at the Secretariat's inability to provide the Committee with documents in a timely fashion. Something must be done to rectify that situation.

9. The CHAIRMAN, speaking as the representative of Mexico, said that he shared the concern expressed by the representative of Colombia.

10. Mr. VAN DE CRAEN (Belgium) said that the deplorable delay in the issuance of the report on UNITAR impeded the functioning of the Committee's work.

11. Mr. PEDROSO (Cuba) expressed alarm at the number of delays in the issuance of documents. Notwithstanding the financial stringencies which the United Nations faced, steps must be taken to ensure that such delays did not hamper the work of the current session.

12. The CHAIRMAN said that the matter would be taken up with the appropriate authorities in the Secretariat.

The meeting rose at 10.50 a.m.